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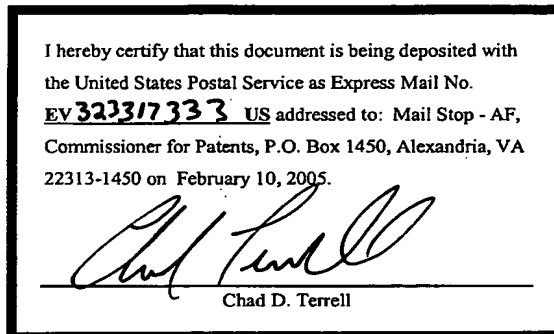
PATENT APPLICATION  
09/784,800

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph S. Gordon et al.  
Serial No.: 09/784,800  
Filing Date: February 15, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2872  
Examiner: Chang, Audrey Y.  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING A  
PELLICLE FOR OFF-AXIS TRANSMISSION OF  
LIGHT

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.